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H. R. 645

[Report No. 107-109]

To reauthorize the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2001

Mr. GILCHREST introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

JUNE 25, 2001

Additional sponsors: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA and Mr. ABERCROMBIE

JUNE 25, 2001

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 14, 2001]

A BILL

To reauthorize the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act
of 1994.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Rhinoceros and Tiger*
3 *Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001”.*

4 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF RHINOCEROS AND TIGER**
5 **CONSERVATION ACT OF 1994.**

6 *Section 9 of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation*
7 *Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5306) is amended by striking “1996*
8 *through 2002” and inserting “2001, 2002, 2003, 2004,*
9 *2005, 2006, and 2007”.*

10 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**

11 *Section 9 of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation*
12 *Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5306) is further amended—*

13 *(1) by striking “There are authorized” and in-*
14 *serting “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized”; and*

15 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

16 *“(b) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of amounts avail-*
17 *able each fiscal year to carry out this Act, the Secretary*
18 *may expend not more than 3 percent or \$80,000, whichever*
19 *is greater, to pay the administrative expenses necessary to*
20 *carry out this Act.”.*

21 **SEC. 4. COOPERATION.**

22 *The Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994*
23 *is further amended by redesignating section 9 (16 U.S.C.*
24 *5306) as section 10, and by inserting after section 8 the*
25 *following:*

1 **“SEC. 9. ADVISORY GROUP.**

2 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*To assist in carrying out this Act,*
 3 *the Secretary may convene an advisory group consisting*
 4 *of individuals representing public and private organiza-*
 5 *tions actively involved in the conservation of rhinoceros and*
 6 *tiger species.*

7 “(b) *PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.*—

8 “(1) *MEETINGS.*—*The Advisory Group shall—*

9 “(A) *ensure that each meeting of the advi-*
 10 *sory group is open to the public; and*

11 “(B) *provide, at each meeting, an oppor-*
 12 *tunity for interested persons to present oral or*
 13 *written statements concerning items on the agen-*
 14 *da.*

15 “(2) *NOTICE.*—*The Secretary shall provide to the*
 16 *public timely notice of each meeting of the advisory*
 17 *group.*

18 “(3) *MINUTES.*—*Minutes of each meeting of the*
 19 *advisory group shall be kept by the Secretary and*
 20 *shall be made available to the public.*

21 “(c) *EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL ADVISORY COM-*
 22 *MITTEE ACT.*—*The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5*
 23 *U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the advisory group.”.*

24 **SEC. 5. PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY.**

25 *Section 5(e) of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation*
 26 *Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5304) is amended to read as follows:*

1 “(e) *PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY*.—*To the maximum ex-*
 2 *tent practical, in determining whether to approve project*
 3 *proposals under this section, the Secretary shall give consid-*
 4 *eration to projects which will enhance sustainable conserva-*
 5 *tion programs to ensure effective long-term conservation of*
 6 *rhinoceros and tigers.*”.

7 **SEC. 6. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

8 (a) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS*.—*The Rhinoceros and*
 9 *Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 is amended as follows:*

10 (1) *Section 4(3) (16 U.S.C. 5303(3)) is amended*
 11 *by striking “Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund*
 12 *established under section 6(a)” and inserting “the ac-*
 13 *count established by division A, section 101(e), title I*
 14 *of Public Law 105–277 under the heading ‘MULTI-*
 15 *NATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND’*”.

16 (2) *Section 6 (16 U.S.C. 5305) is amended by*
 17 *striking the section heading and all that follows*
 18 *through “(d) ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF DONA-*
 19 *TIONS.—” and inserting the following:*

20 **“SEC. 6. ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF DONATIONS.”.**

21 (b) *TECHNICAL CORRECTION*.—*Title I of section 101(e)*
 22 *of division A of Public Law 105–277 (112 Stat. 2681–237)*
 23 *is amended under the heading “MULTINATIONAL SPECIES*
 24 *CONSERVATION FUND” by striking “Rhinoceros and Tiger*

- 1 *Conservation Act, subchapter I*’ and inserting “*Rhinoceros*
- 2 *and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994, part I*”.

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